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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: TIPPING, ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/520,678  
FILED: MARCH 7, 2000  
FOR: VARIATIONAL RELEVANCE VECTOR  
MACHINE

EXAMINER: DAY, HERNG  
DER  
ART UNIT: 2123  
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**Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office action dated  
September 5, 2003. Please consider the following amendments and appended  
remarks, which applicants submit places the case in condition for allowance.